

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

There is nothing of which it is more difficult to convince men than that the providence of God governs this world.

- *John Calvin*

The Lord's Day
October 9th, 2016

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are thankful that you have joined us today as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There may be some elements of our worship today that are unfamiliar to you, but please don't worry about that, you will catch on soon enough. If you have any questions about our church, or about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the pastor, elders or deacons would be happy to help you find answers.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Standing and raising hands

Because we are whole people with bodies as well as souls, we use our bodies in worship, as the Bible commands. We raise our hands to look to God for help and bless God (Ps. 28:2, 63:3), and we stand to hear the Word out of reverence for God (Neh. 8:5).

The Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of communion is a rite of fellowship between Christ and His people. We invite all who have been initiated into the family of God by baptism, and admitted to table fellowship by the leadership of this or some other church, to join in the communion service by faith. If you are unbaptized, or not a church member, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

Liturgical response

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be **boldfaced and indented**:

The Lord be with you! [*Leader*]

And also with you! [*Congregation*]

Children

You will notice many children in our service today. Jesus welcomed little children to Himself, and so we welcome them in our worship service! We believe that children naturally love those whom their parents love, and so the best way to help children grow in their love for the Lord Jesus is to have families worship together.

We understand that this means baby noises and wiggly children, and we're fine with that. If your child is fussy or needs a little time to quiet down, we have a mother's nursery in the back room. If your children have never been in worship before, don't worry at all. We realize this is unusual for many people, and we would be happy to offer you help, tips and encouragement.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please visit the sound table in the back of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

Please be seated, silence electronic devices, and prepare your hearts for worship.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-2

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!**

*GLORIA PATRI

N^o. 734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end,
Amen, Amen.**

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

*PSALM of PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, N^o. 76

* *Please stand as you are able*

CALL to CONFESSION

Psalm 7:12

If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

A time of silence is provided for private, individual confession before the Lord.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate (1585)

We poor sinners acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as you, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore.

But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and we heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

*At the conclusion of the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: **Amen!***

HYMN OF SALVATION

How Firm a Foundation, N^o. 94

PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

N^o. 731

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

2 Samuel 15:24-37

And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city. ²⁵ Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place. ²⁶ But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him."²⁷ The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Go back to the city in peace, with your two sons, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. ²⁸ See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."²⁹ So Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem, and they remained there.

³⁰ But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went. ³¹ And it was told David, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O Lord, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

³² While David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn and dirt on his head. ³³ David said to him, "If you go on with me, you will be a burden to me. ³⁴ But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so now I will be your servant,' then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel. ³⁵ Are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So whatever you hear from the king's house, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. ³⁶ Behold, their two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son, and by them

you shall send to me everything you hear.”³⁷ So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city, just as Absalom was entering Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter V

I. God, the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

II. Although, in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first Cause, all things come to pass immutably, and infallibly; yet, by the same providence, He orders them to fall out, according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

The Law of God

Then God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.”

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

(1 Corinthians 8.6)

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Little children, guard yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:21)

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17)

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

(Hebrews 4:9-10)

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

“You shall not murder.”

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” (Matthew 5:21-22)

“You shall not commit adultery.”

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Hebrews 13:4)

“You shall not steal.”

We urge you, brothers, to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)

“You shall not covet.”

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:17-32

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt

through deceitful desires,²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to

Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON *The Provision of Providence*, Rev. Jerid Krulish

* COMMUNION HYMN *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*, N^o. 253

The SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

You are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian who has been admitted to the Lord's Table. Our communion elements are wine and bread. If you are unable to take regular bread and wine, please signal one of the elders (with the trays), and we can provide you with gluten-free bread; non-alcoholic grape juice is found in the innermost ring of the communion trays for those who need to abstain from alcohol.

*HYMN of COMMISSIONING *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, N^o. 30

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN N^o. 740



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

10/9	Psalms 138	2 Samuel 20	Philippians 2
10/10	Psalms 139	2 Samuel 21	Philippians 3:1-4:1
10/11	Psalms 140	2 Samuel 22:1-20	Philippians 4:2-23
10/12	Psalms 141	2 Samuel 22:21-51	1 Timothy 1
10/13	Psalms 142	2 Samuel 23	1 Timothy 2
10/14	Psalms 143	2 Samuel 24	1 Timothy 3
10/15	Psalms 144	1 Kings 1:1-27	1 Timothy 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS and CALENDAR

OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES:

HELP A HOMELESS FAMILY STAY TOGETHER AND GET ON THEIR FEET

We need help to purchase and decorate a home for a family (including children) who have been homeless and need some help. The funding has been provided but we need the manpower and the decorators! Let's make their new room feel like a home, and demonstrate the Gospel of Christ in word and work. Please contact the deacons to find out how you can contribute to this worthy effort.

WPC PRAYER CONFERENCE WITH REV. JOHN SMED

Oct. 28-30th: (see the church's website for more details.)

Friday: Men's Forum. "How to bring prayer into the artery of life and church."

Saturday: Registration at 8:30. Sessions at 9am, 11am, 1:30pm and 3pm. Lunch is provided

Sunday: 9:30: Q&A with John Smed. 11:00: Worship, with Rev. Smed preaching.

LAUREN BERKOMPAS BABY SHOWER:

Friday, October 14th 7 p.m. at the T. Berkompas home. 7pm.

ALL-CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Oct. 12th: Meeting at the Fomichenkos, 7PM.

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Meeting at: Clark County Square Dance Center
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Times: Sunday School: 9:30AM 🍀 Fellowship: 10:30AM 🍀 Worship: 11:00AM

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Mr. Dave Buhmaster Mr. Terry Craig
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